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THE MELT STRENGTH OF
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time for three months to and including September 26, 2002 including an authorization of payment of fees.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18, and ending at line 26, with the following paragraph.

--DeNicola (EP 384331A2) has disclosed a means to produce a branched propylene polymer material showing a net increase in the weight average molecular weight by solid state modification of predominantly isotactic semi-crystalline linear polypropylene. The process described in EP384331A2 involves blending peroxides with short half lives (eg peroxy dicarbonates) with linear propylene